

ANN LANDERS



Get Off Her Back

Dear Ann Landers: Our daughter who is 23 years old went on a crash diet last November. Rosalie was 5' 5", weighed 130 pounds and looked just fine to me. But she said she "felt fat" and nobody could talk her out of it.

Within four months Rosalie was down to 96 pounds. The poor girl was skin and bones. When she was dieting she couldn't keep food down, and now—a year later—she still vomits almost every day.

I have cried and begged and pleaded with her to see a doctor but she says she is not sick. What do you call it when a person can't keep a meal down? This is well?

Please tell me what to do. I spoke to our family doctor and he said you can't force the girl to get help if she doesn't want it. What do you say?—**ONLY HER MOTHER**

Dear Only: I say your family doctor gave you excellent advice. And now may I add a word?

Stop the crying and the begging and the pleading. Perhaps Rosalie's stubborn refusal to see a doctor is related to her hostility toward you. Get off her back and she will probably seek some outside help (which she desperately needs) when she gets to feeling it is her idea and not yours.

Dear Ann Landers: I am 17, an average-looking girl with a nice personality. I've had my eye on a certain boy for a year. I'll call him Barry. Finally Barry asked me for a date and I was thrilled. But it turned out to be a funny kind of an evening. Barry showed up with two fellows in the car and then we picked up a third.

I have gone out with Barry five times and every date is the same—no less than two other guys tagging along. Usually we just cruise around. Once we all went bowling.

My mother says she doesn't want me going with four and five boys because it looks terrible. I don't like the idea either because frankly I'd like to spend an evening with just Barry. But I'm afraid to suggest it. What do you think?—**MOB SCENE**

Dear Mob: A girl has the right, before she accepts a date, to ask the boy what kind of evening he has in mind. And if she doesn't want to be a den mother to four guys she should say so.

Next time, make it plain that if Barry wants to drag along a friend or two, the friends should bring dates. It's apparent that Barry would rather not be alone with you, just yet—so don't push it.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband retired last January and I am ready to go to work just to get out of the house and have a few hours to myself. When my friends told me that their husbands got to be a nuisance after they retired, I didn't believe them. I do now.

My husband is in good health and could do many things if he wanted to. But no, he'd rather dog my footsteps when I market, clean house and do the gardening. He even wants to come to my bridge club.

If I go where he can't go he looks hurt. Please help me.—**R.R.R.**

Dear R.R.R.: Suggest that your husband do the gardening while you do the marketing. Learn if there's a Golden Age Club in your city. He could find friends and interests there. Freedom is never free. You have to fight for it. And I hope you win because if you don't, you're sunk.



WINNERS . . . Winners of the grand opening prizes offered by Golden State Paint Stores (above) at 1731 Crenshaw Blvd. have been announced by James Tanner, manager of the store. Tanner is pictured (at right) with Mrs. Robert Hamlin of Torrance, who drew the winning tickets. Winners include: Buelah Jordan of 22867-B Nadine Circle (\$800 exterior paint job), Jim Collella of Gardena (interior room paint), Dale O. Moeller of Rolling Hills (interior room paint), Frances E. Kirkpatrick of 3836 W. 187th St. (portable television), Philip M. Welch of 166 W. 222nd St. (blender), F. E. Kennedy of 3144 W. 181st St. (barbeque), and Don R. Waldron of 307 S. Prospect Ave., Redondo Beach (radio).



Teacher-Student Ratio a Factor in Reading Skills

By CHARLES E. CHAPEL, Assemblyman, 46th District

During the regular session of the Legislature in 1965 we enacted laws providing special remedial reading teachers as part of a nine million dollar program for the public schools. Very few of the school districts in California have taken advantage of the State program, partly because every dollar, provided by the State of California must be matched by local school district funds.

Several school superintendents have told me that they prefer federal compensatory education money for remedial reading because no local matching money is required by the federal program, the latter being financed largely out of the U.S. Income Tax.

The California law allocates one reading specialist for each 125 students in the first three grades, and then, on the basis of reading failures disclosed by a statewide test, additional specialists can be provided, not to exceed one for each 300 students. Money was provided to pay the specialists an additional \$250 per year as a bonus and to provide

for a \$250 summer-school reading scholarship for each qualified teacher.

Regardless of the availability of federal or state funds, there are a few fundamental facts which are too often forgotten. The teaching of reading at any level in both elementary and high school grades relates directly to the number of students that are assigned to any given teacher.

A teacher's primary job is to teach a class of youngsters and not just a class or a group. Each youngster is an individual. A good teacher watches each student and assists him to correct his own mistakes.

The size of the class or the teacher-student ratio is the most critical problem today from the kindergarten to post-graduate courses in colleges and universities.

The United States Marine Corps, which is famous for its marksmanship, has always trained its officers and enlisted men in rifle and pistol marksmanship in what is called the coach-and-pupil method, which can be translated into school language by saying that the ideal teacher-student ratio is one teacher to one student. Obviously, this is not practical in any system of tax-supported public education.

Teachers who constantly complain about their wages, hours and working conditions are frustrated people who have no business in the classroom. They might make good second-hand car salesmen, auctioneers, or country fiddlers but so long as they are permitted to teach they produce juvenile delinquency, drop-outs, and students who receive blank diplomas at the commencement exercises while the school band plays "Land of Hope and a Glory" or "Pomp and Circumstance."

The above remarks constitute, for the most part, a summation or digest of letters received from parents and teachers who live in the 46th Assembly District. I present them to you to stimulate your own thought. I am very well aware of the many problems confronting the State Legislature but I have neither all the answers nor all the solutions, I am glad to report.

Exhibit of Art Works Is Planned

Original work in all art media except mosaics and sculpture will be exhibited under the sponsorship of the Lomita Recreation Center and the Southern Affiliated Guild of Visual Arts. The first annual showing will be open to the public at 24428 Eshelman Ave., Lomita, Dec. 3, from 12 noon to 8 p.m., and Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

All members of the art associations in the South Bay and Harbor area are urged to participate. Ribbons and substantial cash awards will be presented.

Each artist will be limited per entry. All categories will be charged an entry fee of \$2 per entry. All categories will be judged separately and the jury will consist of well known art directors and authorities in the visual arts.

Entry blanks may be obtained from local art associations or from Leland Hall, 2234 W. 239th St.

TOYS HELP

Toys are one of the chief aids in the treatment of crippled children at Orthopaedic Hospital, according to therapists at the hospital. Toys motivate the handicapped to strengthen affected parts of the body, they report.

PTA Is Most Sacred Of the Sacred Cows

Sacred cows die hard, and among the sacredest of all the cows in this country is the PTA, an organization devoted largely to bad coffee, stale doughnuts and pompous propaganda. When I point this out, there are those who take offense—but there are others, like this:

"Congratulations on your attacks on the PTA. Having a little

are both married (not to each other) and occasion has it that we meet about once a month on business. We are both fighting this thing because of family, children, etc. but although I very well realize I should not try to pursue this, I cannot seem to help myself.

"He feels very much the same, although he is a fine person. Nothing like this has ever happened to me, even my marriage never excited me so. I need your advice, but don't say go ahead and have an affair and get it over with because this is easier said than done also. Where? How? I have no idea how people go about this business. Where would we go for a rendezvous? Certainly not to my house. He is a shy person also. I suppose this whole affair is some kind of an animal thing."

Your inability to even work out the sordid details of the affair might be your salvation.

And here is more dirt: "The one reason I am going to get twin beds is because my husband doesn't take a bath but once a week. Sometimes I have offered to run the bath water, but he only gets mad."

Mon Dieu, Ma'am, if you had followed my advice about bathing a deux you would both be cleaner, your marriage would be saved, and your heart would be pure.

COUNT MARCO

girl in school. I have an interest in the subject. I gave up going to PTA meetings after a few sessions because I found that the officers of the organization were appallingly bad examples as community leaders.

"In this particular school, a very good one in a wealthy neighborhood, the two PTA officers were female teachers who appeared at the meetings in stretch pants and tight sweaters. They both had badly bleached blonde hair, frazzled and unkempt, and the one who conducted the sessions talked nasally around a cigarette which she dangled from her lip.

"I shudder to think that these were two examples of the teachers in whose hands rested the education of my child."

Madam, I congratulate you on your intelligence.

"If two people are really attracted to one another do the emotions usually win out? We

Press-Herald Sunday Crossword

(Answer on Page A-12)

ACROSS

- Exorbitant rate of interest
- Stringed instrument
- Reels metrically
- To gather together
- Number
- Ant
- Gem weight
- Honorary Turkish title
- Condition
- Plural (abbr.)
- Sun god
- Greece (abbr.)
- Swedish measure
- Symbol for tellurium
- 3, 1416
- Whether
- Mis Merman
- Oreok market place
- Diagnose
- Blue color of clear sky
- To fill again
- Levies
- Rowing implement
- Makes noise like a sheep
- Shump
- A shield
- British street car
- Cornish prefix: town
- Fine line of a letter
- New Guinea city
- A hotland
- Restating, as old
- Argument
- Religious ceremonies
- Billiard shot
- Prefix: not
- Signifying maiden
- A fairy fort
- Abounding in break-top waves
- Like below (abbr.)
- Horse who runs in a ring
- Buena Vir-
- As in music: high
- Way of departure
- Accompaniment to dance
- Alacrity
- Part of ship (pl.)
- Blackbird

- Accountants
- Jason's hand
- Mass of irregular shape
- Arto land (pl.)
- Royal Red Cross (abbr.)
- Philippine Islands' tree
- Of the Pope
- The amary
- Legal charge
- Laments over
- Wager
- Land measure
- The gods
- Form of visual signal
- Form of visual signaling
- Raise
- Former Russian rulers
- Kind of beetle
- Chief gods of Teutonic pantheon
- Cooks in certain way
- Suitable
- Utters into small fragments
- Name (Fr.)
- Bird (pl.)
- Shake as from cold
- Tree oxidation
- Pygmy of the Bel.
- Fastens securely
- Sun dried brick
- Quilt (abbr.)
- Symbol for sodium
- Raised transportation line
- Symbol of acie
- General practitioner (abbr.)
- Signifying unfit ship
- Part of boat
- Any system of principles
- As it stands (mus.)
- Salties
- Rom. num.
- Container for flowers
- Terrorist
- Spanish lass
- River of Russia
- Anglo-Saxon slaves
- Winter vehicles

DOWN

- To speak
- A young hog
- City of Chaldea
- Thrust back
- Color
- Caspar, writer
- Statute
- Sacred Hindu word
- Cruel taskmaster
- Foreigner
- Cicatrix
- Gem carved in relief
- Land measure
- Artlessly
- Let it stand
- Diamonds
- Indian corn
- White
- Male garment
- Steel box for valuation (pl.)
- Horsemover (abbr.)
- Egg cells
- Flying mammal
- Underwriting account (abbr.)
- Inflexible slender twig
- Babylonian deity of alcoholic drinks
- Stinging insect
- Prefix: three
- Location
- Vegas
- Worthless matter
- To abate in severity
- Exclamation of triumph
- French artist
- Enroll for military service
- Rolls lightly
- Lowest point
- Argon (abbr.)
- Ascan
- Harrison
- Weight of India
- Pith of a matter (pl.)
- Part of boat
- Any system of principles
- As it stands (mus.)
- Salties
- Rom. num.
- Container for flowers
- Terrorist
- Spanish lass
- River of Russia
- Anglo-Saxon slaves
- Winter vehicles

- India society
- Heavy East Indian wood
- Wood
- Sinks in mud
- Price of transportation (pl.)
- Serpent
- Porridge
- Addition to a letter
- Relate
- Cart
- Seize
- Slate
- Let it stand
- Mother (Sp.)
- Violated diligently
- Tear
- Disease of fowls
- Scattered in drops
- To get into a tangle
- Stringed instrument
- A continent (abbr.)
- Sloths
- Situation involving three persons
- Extinct bird
- Exclamation of surprise
- Roman bronze
- Blanket outer garment of Spaniards
- Americans
- Centigally growth together in a winter sport
- Free attendant on a lord among Danes (pl.)
- Swimming bird
- Thrust back
- Exista
- Stabal teams
- World War I battle
- Field
- Verf (abbr.)
- Recorded
- Peruvian
- Galley of Northern
- Devoid of life
- Japanese measure
- Symbol for nickel
- Article
- Brother of Odin

Chace Pledges Efforts To Cut County Spending

County Supervisor Burton W. Chace has advised property owners that "there is no economy in not paying your taxes" and pledged to continue his efforts toward cut-backs in county spending.

Chace's statements came after the Board of Supervisors adopted in principle a six-point plan aimed at reducing property taxes. The plan was presented by Taxation, Inc., a group representing property owners at the board's meeting Tuesday.

"Threats of a tax strike led me to believe that taxpayers considering such action are being ill-advised," Chace said. "Delinquent tax penalties will soar much higher than any interest rates a taxpayer might earn on his tax sum."

CHACE REFERRED to plans urging taxpayers not to pay their property taxes and, instead, to place the sum in the bank. Taxpayers are falsely told that they can pay their delinquent tax penalties with the interest from the invested

sum, Chace said. "These people are being misled," Chace said. "Not only are they jeopardizing their property investment, they stand to lose money in penalties."

At the same time, Chace recommended his efforts toward cutting county spending at budget time next year.

"I WAS opposed to many of the spending measures in the 1966-67 budget and voted accordingly," Chace said. "I plan to continue my work in this direction."

"Last budget session my 'no' votes on projects and proposals the county could not afford often were the only negative votes cast," he said. As examples, he cited his 'no' votes on salary increases above the recommendations of the Chief Administrative Officer, against partial payment of employees health insurance, and against the Watts Hospital project, which the voters had turned down.

"I am going to urge that when we start on the next budget, we instruct the Chief Administrative Officer and department heads propose only critical, crucial, and urgent spending," Chace said.

"WHEN we approved the current budget, we missed an excellent opportunity to cut at least 10 cents off the tax rate," he continued. "Every one on the board talks about spending cuts but often does not vote for them come budget time."

The six-point plan proposed by Taxation and endorsed unanimously by the Board of Supervisors called for:

A moratorium on county building construction, a moratorium on additional personnel, a cut in welfare spending, abandonment of cross-the-board salary increases, and the dedication of all savings toward trimming the 1967-68 operating budget.

Doctor Joseph Kaplan, Professor of Physics, University of California at Los Angeles, who years ago won the Nobel prize for his outstanding contributions to man's knowledge of the physical world, at one time told me that a man or woman does not begin a career in science in college, but in the lower grades of an elementary school where he must learn to read well and express himself well, both orally and in writing. He went on to say that our great nuclear scientists can accomplish little unless they can convey their thoughts to others.

Going back to the teacher-student ratio, regardless of the number of students in a class, unless the teacher enjoys teaching, knows his subject and likes the students, he is wasting his time and the time of the students. Teaching in the true sense is a dedicated calling. A true teacher is a good teacher regardless of his hours, or working conditions, simply because he loves to teach.